

schools will take advantage of this funding opportunity, and give their students the chance to experience the benefits of an education tied to community service.

My own State of Oregon is a national leader in service-learning, and I hope that this bill will help schools in my state continue their commitment to reclaiming the public purpose of education. I also hope that the School Service Act will encourage the further spread of service-learning across America, because I believe that it will improve education and, perhaps as important, instill students with an ethic of public service that will stay with them throughout their lives.●

VOTE EXPLANATION

● Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, early Sunday morning there were horrible tornadoes that killed a young child, injured many others and caused extensive damage throughout Marble Hill and other communities in southern Missouri. I believed it was important to visit the affected communities on Monday to comfort them and lend support. I regret that due to scheduling difficulties, I could not return to Washington in time for the vote on the motion to proceed to the Andean Trade Act.●

COLONEL DERRELL B. JEFFORDS, USAF

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a great American patriot, Colonel Derrell B. Jeffords, USAF. As a young man, Colonel Jeffords knew that he wanted to serve his country in the military, dreaming of becoming an Air Force pilot. He began to realize his goals in June of 1944, when he graduated from the United States Army Air Force Cadet Flying School. Over the next 22 years of dedicated service, he distinguished himself not only as a skilled pilot, but also as an outstanding leader. After tours at 12 different bases in 20 years he answered his nation's call once more. In October of 1965, Colonel Jeffords reported to Vietnam for what would turn out to be his final deployment. On Christmas Eve 1965, just as President Johnson announced a week long bombing halt in North Vietnam, Colonel Jeffords' family received the painful telegram declaring him Missing in Action. His family learned that while on an armed reconnaissance mission, just south of Ban Bac, Laos, Colonel Jeffords' C-47 "Spooky" had been shot down.

Deryl Jeffords was only 13 years old when her father was shot down. She was forced to remember him through the letters that he wrote from Vietnam. Those letters never reflected any sign of fear, resentment or anger at being in Vietnam. To Colonel Jeffords, it was not a duty to serve in Vietnam, it was an honor. I was recently contacted by Ms. Jeffords, who told me about her father's life. Moved by the

heroic story of Colonel Jeffords, I felt it necessary to rise on the floor of the United States Senate, to give her father the respect, honor, dedication and recognition that he so richly deserves from our country. Colonel Jeffords is an American hero, who fought for all citizens, so that we could keep the freedom that we enjoy today.

Colonel Jeffords will always be in the heart and soul of his family that he left behind. None of us should ever forget Colonel Derrell B. Jeffords, for he represents the very heart of what our country stands for. God Bless him.●

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

● Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred January 27, 1993 in Queens, NY. A gay man was beaten by two teenagers yelling anti-gay slurs. Junior Guerrero, 18, and Michael Ithier, 19, were arrested in connection with the incident.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.●

TRIBUTE TO THE NASHUA HIGH SCHOOL AP GOVERNMENT CLASS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Tarin Lafrance and her Nashua Senior High School AP government class. The class was chosen to represent the State of New Hampshire in the "We the People . . ." national competition. Nashua will compete against other States in analyzing and interpreting the Constitution of the United States as it applies in everyday life.

As a former schoolteacher, I commend Tarin Lafrance and the entire class for their hard work in this competition. The students' dedication is evident as shown through their strong commitment to excellence in education. I applaud their efforts and innovative interpretations of the Constitution. In working to gain a better understanding of our democratic Republic, the class studied the historical background of the Constitution, the three branches of government, judicial review, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution as it applies in today's society. So much of our Nation's history revolves around the Constitution, and more importantly, this document serves as the foundation of all our Gov-

ernment's decisions. Nashua's commitment to education is a positive example for the Granite State.

I commend all members of the class and wish them continued success as they travel to Washington, DC, to showcase their presentation. Good luck to Julie dePointbriand, Beth Drolet, Jennifer Dube, Brendan Farrell, Kyle Gilbertson, Laurie Gorham, Ariella Green, Kelly Hogan, Jerry Hopkins, Sarah Janowitz, Zach Janowski, Michael Kiser, Candice LeCourt, Fariha Mahmud, Holly Masek, Jennifer McDonald, Lisa Minich, Linnea Sanderson, Lauren Schneider, Stephen Schuler, Katie Staab, and Heather Zimmerman. Go Panthers! It is an honor to represent you in the Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO LAURIE L. CHANDLER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Laurie L. Chandler, senior vice president of Fleet's Private Clients Group. Laurie has been named New Hampshire's Women in Business Advocate of the Year by the Small Business Administration of the United States.

Laurie's 20 years of experience in the financial services industry have been indispensable to the women in New Hampshire's small business community. Along with serving her current position at Fleet, Laurie developed and administered the Women Building Wealth Program of Fleet. The program, which consists of monthly informal seminars for business women, has been crucial to those within New Hampshire. Laurie's time mentoring women has been above and beyond any call of duty. She has been credited with consistently going the extra mile for businesswomen to succeed and always extending herself within the business community.

I commend Laurie for her continued dedication to the women in New Hampshire's business community. Her actions set a positive example for the Granite State. Her commitment and business savvy are well respected and admired amongst her peers and are exemplified by her position within the Fleet organization. I look forward to seeing more of Laurie Chandler within our business community and wish her continued success. It is an honor to represent you in the Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO JERRY MILLER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Jerry Miller of Hampton. Jerry has been chosen as the New Hampshire Business Journalist of the Year by the Small Business Administration of the United States. Jerry serves as a correspondent for the Union Leader and New Hampshire Sunday News for the Portsmouth and Seacoast regions of the State.

Jerry has worked tirelessly to report on New Hampshire's small businesses for the past 12 years, covering issues